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An Aruba of the distant past remembered; Annie returns with family for her 80th birthday



Annie and Henk

During the week of July 4 to 11, the Tamarijn Beach Resort was proud to host Anna, (better known on Aruba as Annie) Hagen-De Vries and her brothers Henk and Albert, who returned to the island where they spent their childhood for a family vacation in celebration of Annie turning 80 on July 10.

The family gathering included Henk's wife, son and daughter and grandchildren, along with Albert's spouse, Nel. Annie was only 7 months old when she was brought to live on Aruba in 1931, as her father, Albert, worked for the Eagle Oil Company, a division of Shell Oil, which maintained a small refinery where the Divi and Tamarijn Beach Resorts now stand. Henk was born on the island 5 years later; Albert Jr, in 1943.

Sitting with Annie and Henk is like taking a stroll through history, as they recall an Aruba besieged by German U-Boats during WW II, when many tankers were torpedoed attempting to bring refined fuel to the Allies, or receiving crude oil from Lake Maracaibo.

"On February 15, I am not sure which year, we watched a U-boat run up on the reef off of Oranjestad Harbor," recalls Annie. "We all went to school just across from Fort Zoutman, which was right next to the water in those times. The U-boat captain must have misjudged the narrow channel into the harbor, and you could even see the goat's head painted on the turret of their big gun. Fortunately, they didn't shoot at us; otherwise they would have killed a lot of schoolchildren out watching this amazing sight."

"The island was filled with military from England, Scotland and the U.S. Air Force to protect the refineries," added Henk. "They let the submarine get off the reef and then the planes followed it out and sank it, or so we were told. The "wolf packs" were bunkered in Argentina, and so were a constant issue for the tankers. I remember one, the "Helasu" I think, which was sunk offshore and there was only one survivor. It was a dangerous duty on those tankers during the war years. We watched the Peder-



nales, the shipwreck that still sits off Aruba's west coast, drift from the south side to where it now rests, turning the sky a glowing orange throughout the night."

Annie and her brothers lived in what was known as the Eagle Colony, very near to the beaches between Palm Beach and Oranjestad.

"That entire area was our playground," they recall, "as it was private and owned by Shell Oil-how mischievous and spoiled we were! We had the best childhood imaginable!"

Annie had returned twice in the past to visit childhood friends, once in 1983 and again in '94. Henk had also returned to visit old school chums, but this was a first time back for Albert, who was only 10 when their father retired in 1954 and returned to Holland, so his sons could continue there educations at universities.

"There was only a high school on Aruba in those days; Holland was the place to go to get a degree," Henk explains. There they all married and remained.

"When my 80th birthday was approaching, I wasn't quite sure what to do," says Annie, "but I did want to have the family get together for it, perhaps taking a cottage in Holland during the school vacation, so Henk's grandchildren could join us." After some investigation, she discovered they could spend a week in Aruba at a fraction of the cost, and the deed was

"Aruba has changed enormously from the days of our childhood, even from our last visits," note the siblings, "but we have changed as well, it is to be expected."

They really got a chance to see the change as they

were presented with a helicopter tour as a joint birthday gift, something his children surprised Henk with this week, though his birthday is in April. "That was absolutely the best present imaginable, neither of us had ever been in a helicopter before; we loved it!"

"I am very happy I made that choice to come to asserts Annie, Aruba," "everyone at the Tamarijn treated us grandly, and our week has been absolutely wonderful, we couldn't ask for more." Henk concurs. "This may not be the Aruba where we grew up, but it is still delightful to come here, especially to catch up with old friends and see what is new. I have an 80th birthday in five years; I think coming back together to celebrate is a distinct possibility."

by Rosalie Klein

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ICC adds genocide to charges against Somalia's Shebab militants Sudan's president claim deadly Uganda attacks

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The International Criminal Court added three genocide counts yesterday to the charges against Sudan's President Omar al-Beshir in a move hailed as "a victory" by rebels.

"There are reasonable grounds to believe that (Omar al-Beshir) acted with specific intent to destroy in part the Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa ethnic groups" in Darfur, said a new warrant issued yesterday - the court's first for genocide.

The government in Khartoum dismissed the move as a "political" decision by the court and the Justice and Equality Movement rebel group called the development "a victory for the people of Darfur and the entire humanity."

"It will give hope to the people of Darfur that justice will be made," spokesman Ahmad Hussein told AFP.

In Khartoum, Sudan's information minister and government spokesman Kamal Obeid said that the "adding of the genocide accusation confirms that the ICC is a political court.

"The ICC decision is of no

concern to us, us the Sudanese government. We focus on development," Obeid said in a statement to the official Suna news agency, which was provided to AFP.

In March last year, the ICC issued a warrant for Beshir's arrest on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, its first ever for a sitting head of state.

But that warrant did not include three genocide charges as requested by prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo, who appealed the court's decision.

In February, the ICC appeals chamber ordered judges to rethink their decision to omit genocide, saying they had made an "error in law" by setting the burden of proof too high.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon was "deeply concerned by the nature of charges against president Beshir", spokesman Farhan Haq told a press briefing in New York.

Ban urged the Khartoum government "to provide its full support to the work of the ICC and address issues of justice and reconciliation," he said.

In yesterday's decision, the

court said there were reasonable grounds to believe that villages and towns "were selected on the basis of their ethnic composition" for attack by Sudanese government forces.

"Towns and villages inhabited by other tribes, as well as rebel locations, were bypassed in order to attack towns and villages known to be inhabited by civilians belonging to the Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa ethnic groups."

It also appeared likely that "acts of rape, torture and forcible displacement were committed against members of the targeted ethnic groups," said the court.

The prosecutor had presented evidence of government forces contaminating the wells and water pumps of villages inhabited by these groups, who were also subject to forcible transfer "in furtherance of the genocidal policy," said the court.

"One of the reasonable conclusions that can be drawn is that ... the conditions of life inflicted on the Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa groups were calculated to bring about the physical destruction of a part of those ethnic groups," it added

As president and commander-in-chief, Beshir likely "played an essential role in coordinating" a common plan to this end, said the judgement.

The court ordered its registry to send a request for cooperation to the government of Sudan, all signatories to the court's founding Rome Statute and all UN Security Council members who had not signed, "seeking the arrest and surrender" of Beshir on both warrants.

The United Nations says up to 300,000 people have died since conflict broke out in Darfur in 2003, when ethnic minority rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated regime for a greater share of resources and power.

Sudan's government says 10,000 have been killed.

KAMPALA, Uganda (AFP) – Somalia's Al-Qaeda-in-spired Shebab rebels claimed responsibility yesterday for bombings in Kampala that killed 74 people as they watched the World Cup final, in the region's worst attacks in 12 years.

The twin attacks in the Ugandan capital dampened Africa's post World Cup euphoria, drew a barrage of global condemnation and marked an unprecedented internationalisation of Somalia's two-decade-old civil war.

"We are behind the attack because we are at war with them," Ali Mohamoud Rage, the Shebab group's top spokesman told reporters in Mogadishu.

The movement's top leader had warned in an audio message earlier this month that Uganda would face retaliation for contributing to an African Union force supporting the westernbacked Somali transitional government.

Explosions ripped through a spokesman P a sports bar and an Ethiopian told reporters.

restaurant in Kampala where people had gathered to watch the football World Cup final between Spain and the Netherlands.

"The latest official count is 74 confirmed dead," Fred Opolot, a Ugandan government spokesman, told AFP.

The United States vowed yesterday to support Uganda after the major bombings, sending the FBI to assist in the probe and pledging to pressure Somalia's "hateful" Shebab insurgents.

President Barack Obama spoke by telephone with President Yoweri Museveni and offered to provide "any support and assistance" the Ugandan government requested, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

A three-person team from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is in Kampala to help collect evidence, with two officers from US Diplomatic Security due to arrive late yesterday, State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told reporters.

Colombian military kill nine in FARC rebel camp raid

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) - Nine guerrillas were killed yesterday when the army and air force attacked a FARC rebel camp in the jungles of southern Caqueta department, the military said.

The air and ground attack near Penas Coloradas, followed a similar attack Sunday in mountains of central Tolima department that killed 12 rebels in a Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia camp where its leader Guillermo Leon Saenz was allegedly holed up.

In yesterday's attack, Air Force planes bombed and strafed the FARC jungle camp before army troops moved in

to sweep the area.

"The military operation so far has yielded the combat deaths of nine guerrillas," a military report said.

The FARC -- the country's strongest and oldest guerrilla group -- has been fighting the government since the 1960s. It now includes some 7,500 to 10,000 fighters, according to estimates.

Outgoing President Alvaro Uribe launched a major crackdown on the rebel group after he took office in 2002, and his successor, former defense minister Juan Manuel Santos, has vowed to press on with the fight when he takes over on August 7.





The weekly Bon Bini festival is tonight!

ORANJESTAD weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture

This weeks the festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgel. "Nos Ana Rosa," musical group; "Ola Tropical," Dance groups: "Mini Chaz Dancers," "Youth Chaz Dancers," "Minipop," and "Lollipop," solo singer: "Vale Croes" and steel band: "New Generation."

MC is Juby Naar

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and handicraft on sale.

Arubus has regularly scheduled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

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The festival is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Entrance is 5 Aruban florins or US\$3.

Hurricane awareness session tonight at **TeleAruba**



channel TeleAruba will have its program, called Prevention, informing and educating the Aruba community on everything related with hurricanes. Aim of this program is to inform the community on all the preparations the government is doing for the hurricane season and the reason the community must prepare

The program will be aired tonight and every Tuesday and Thursday during the news section and will last five (5) minutes.

Presentation will be by Raymond Baboe Hoek with his production team, who will interview different experts on hurricane matters.

Social Corporate Responsibility WEB Aruba N.V. with more donations of pilot project-2 "Scoge pa Spaar!" (Choose to Save)



In these last weeks the WEB pilot project-2 "Scoge pa Spaar" continued with its drive to cover more social organizations with its 'Social Corporate Responsibility' management.

The pilot project encloses the collaboration between WEB, FCCA and ELMAR with the aim to help and make those living in the FCCA houses aware on how to lower their water and energy usage by using devices and appliances obtainable on the local market. All this as part of the project 'Scoge pa Spaar' which is sponsored by 16 local companies

committee visited Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation, to install two new air conditioners sponsored by FRIOMAX, and also to check on the appliances that were installed last month to help save on water and energy usage. WEB, FCCA and ELMAR are very happy to include social charity foundations in this campaign. They also want to thank their sponsors WEMA and FRIOMÂX for installing the appliances free of charge.

The campaign enables WEB to collect data on how much is saved on water and energy. In the near future Last week Thursday, the WEB will inform the com-"Scoge pa Spaar" project munity of these results,

which can be used to educate the community on the best ways to to save water and energy at our homes besides installing those appliances

A heartfelt 'thank you' goes to the Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation board of directors and personnel of the Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation for their cooperation, also NV ELMAR and FCCA, partners of WEB N.V. in this project of "Scoge pa Spaar" A special 'thank you' goes to the press, especially Baboe Hoek, for his coverage.

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Thunderstorms wreak havoc in the **Netherlands**

HENGELO, The Netherlands -- Trees have been blown down and rail and road traffic disrupted in heavy thunderstorms across the east of the country yesterday.

A number of people setting up for the Zwarte Cross music and motorcross festival in Lichtenvoorde were injured and taken to hospital after the storm struck

Winds of up to 100 kph sent a massive marquee into the air. The festival is due to start on Friday.

In the east of the country dozens of trees were blown down, and very heavy rain caused localised flooding.

A church spire in the Gelderland village of Vragender blew down onto a nearby

cafe but no-one was injured. Part of Hengelo railway station's roof collapsed, causing serious disruption to train

Yesterday's storms began at about 10:00 in the southern province of Limburg and moved north through the day. They brought with them winds of up to 100 km per hour and caused widespread damage in the central Gelderland region which borders Germany.

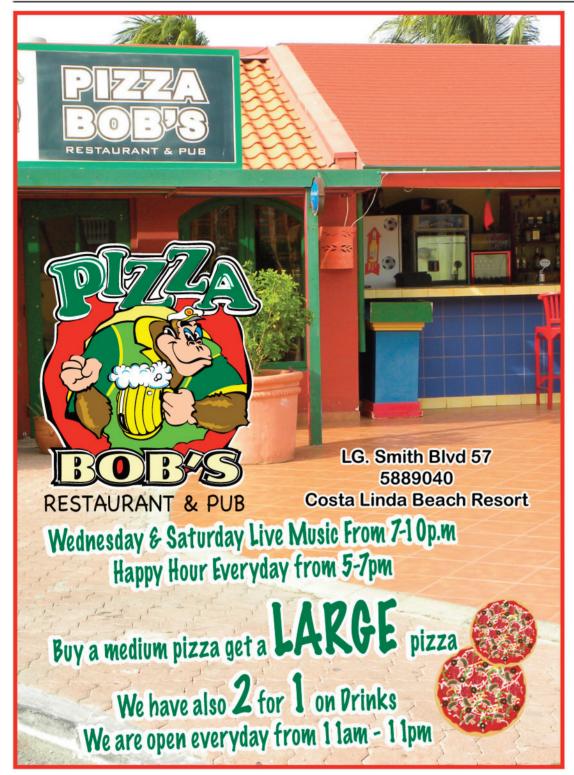
In many areas, including the city of Groningen in the northeast of the country, streets were inundated as a result of flash flooding.



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'Vuvuzela' voted word of the World Cup



A supporter wearing a makarapa blows a vuvuzela

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AFP) - "Vuvuzela" has been voted the word of the World Cup by global linguists who said yesterday the tournament will be best remember

for the name of South Africa's deafening trumpet.

"Long after individual matches and goals are forgotten, this will be remembered as the Vuvuzela World Cup," said Jurga Zilinskiene, managing director of Londonbased firm Today Translations.

"Vuvuzela" was chosen by 75 percent of more than 320 linguists from over 60 countries, who were asked to choose the word with the biggest impact on the tournament.

"Thanks to the World Cup, vuvuzela has the entered the shared language of the world and joined the ranks of words that need no translation," said Zilinskiene.

The tuneless plastic horn blown by fans was a top World Cup newsmaker and has been snapped up abroad. Experts have warned it can damage hearing.

The much-debated official Jabulani ball, mascot Zakumi and the Bafana Bafana national South African team each won four percent of the votes.

Moans and groans at Paseo Herencia as Spain and Holland battle it out









Watching an audience of football fans watching a soccer game is an exercise in observing frustration, and this certainly peaked during the finals of the world cup at TGI Friday's in Paseo Herencia Mall on Sunday. One moment, orange-clad fanatics were thrilled to see their team take possession of the ball, next they were moaning in disgust as again the players missed an-



other shot.

It was a tough match for both teams, with abundant frustration for those glued to TV screens around the world. The camaraderie and support for Holland, making their 3rd try for the covert cup since 1972, unfortunately did not result in what islanders had dreamed of; it was their first defeat in the season and during the World Cup playoffs.

'This year, for the Dutch, the fantasy did not come true, but they had some great times with friends and fellow fans at places like TGI Friday's, which is perfectly set up for watching sporting events while enjoying their great hamburgers and snacks.

by Rosalie Klein

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Palm Beach Plaza was perfect for the World Cup Finals









The huge central plaza of Aruba's newest shopping and entertainment center, Palm Beach Plaza, provided a perfect venue for hundreds to come and root for their team, whether dressed in orange for Holland or red for Spain.

Local DJ Ruben Garcia and ATV sports announcer Cadochi Kock added to the ambiance, while local radio station Magic FM broadcast the live play by play. Aside from filling the enormous plaza, many fans took stations in the various lounges and eateries around Palm Beach Plaza to enjoy the game in air-conditioned comfort.

Cadochi Kock saw Spain's winning goal coming, and as their player speeded down the field he shouted "Gooooaaaall!" and sure enough, in the ball went to end a tense battle that had resulted in overtime before one team finally scored.

Fans of the Spanish team went wild, while Dutch fans commiserated at the championships once again just eluding the grasp of their famous team. Four years to go until World Cup Fever strikes again! by Rosalie Klein





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Science/Tech

Consumers can now digitize photos

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Five Reasons it's time to switch to Windows 7

Today is D-day for Windows XP SP2 users. Granted, Windows XP SP2 will still work, but today is the last Patch Tuesday for the venerable OS which means it will become more unstable and less secure as time goes on. Simply applying SP3 will suffice to continue running a supported platform, but here are five reasons to consider switching off of Windows XP entirely.

1. Hardware Support. Windows XP is archaic, and it is designed to run on outdated hardware. As new technologies are introduced, it is unlikely that Windows XP will be compatible or able to take advantage of them. Windows 7 provides support for multitouch displays, and also has greatly improved memory and power management features.

2. Improved Drivers Installation. Windows 7 has a superior system for automatically detecting and installing drivers. Windows XP sort of has this capability, but more often than not the search for drivers yields nothing and requests that you insert a driver disc from the vendor. Install a new piece of hardware in Windows 7, and most of the time it will automatically be added along with the correct driver without any additional

user interaction.

3. Security. Windows XP lacks many of the crucial security controls that have been introduced in Windows Vista and Windows 7. Looking at the vulnerabilities that have been discovered since the launch of Windows 7, the Windows 7 operating system is frequently unaffected, or when it is affected by the same flaw as Windows XP, the result of an exploit is minor while the Windows XP system will be completely owned by the attacker.

4. Performance. One of the complaints against each new generation of Windows is that it seems to get slower and more bloated with each iteration. Windows 7 certainly adds new features-some of which may be frivolous or unnecessary--but it manages to boot faster and run snappier than its predecessor--Windows Vista. Windows XP users should not experience any significant lag in boot time or performance, and some may even see an improvement over XP.

5. XP Mode Virtualization. This is the Windows 7 trump card. With Windows XP Mode virtualization, Windows 7 runs a full Windows XP SP3 system in a virtual PC. It enables you to con-

tinue using hardware and software that are not compatible with Windows 7 from within the Windows 7 operating system. And, XP Mode virtualization is fast--somehow much faster than other Microsoft virtual PCs I have created. The caveat for this feature, though, is that it is only available on Windows 7 Professional, Ultimate, and Enterprise.

Granted, moving to Windows 7 may not be cheap for some businesses. Many are running Windows XP on hardware that is more or less obsolete by today's standards, which means upgrading to Windows 7 must include replacing the hardware as well.

Windows 7 is not the only solution, though. As I stated up top--companies can simply upgrade from Windows XP SP2 to Windows XP SP3 and still have Microsoft support through 2014. It is also possible to migrate off of Windows XP SP2 by switching to some variation of Linux rather than moving to Windows 7. The XP hardware would most likely support it, but IT admins must also consider the learning curve of adopting a new OS culture--both for the users and for the technicians that have to support the desktop environment.

Red Hot Chili Peppers Stored in Doomsday Vault

America's hottest chili peppers were recently delivered to the cool Arctic and stored in the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, where they'll be safe for centuries in case some terrestrial catastrophe renders them otherwise extinct.

The so-called "doomsday seed vault" now contains seeds of more than 525,000

Seeds from some of North crop varieties from around pepper that starts out yellow the world, making it the most diverse assemblage of crops anywhere. The seed vault was constructed deep in a mountain on a remote Norwegian archipelago near the North Pole as a fail-safe back-up to existing crop collections around the world.

> The new hot stash includes Wenk's Yellow Hots, a

and hot and cools somewhat to red and medium-hot; Pico de Gallo or "Rooster's beak," a medium-hot salsa staple; and the unpredictable San Juan "Tsile," a New Mexico chili still grown by elder farmers in a Native American pueblo that can be anything from mild to medium to hot.

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This houseplant is great and help the sores heal for relieving sunburn—and faster—without stinging or an icky taste.

Hair Revitalizer

Love the pool, but hate how the chlorine dries out your locks? Once a week, use this pre-shampoo treatment from Lina Hanson, author of Eco-Beautiful—The Ulti-mate Guide to Natural Beauty and Wellness.

Combine 1/2 cup aloe vera gel, 1/2 cup Castile soap, and 1/2 teaspoon jojoba oil; apply to scalp and hair. Leave in for 10 minutes; rinse, shampoo, and condition, as usual. Aloe's vitamins C and E thoroughly nourish damaged hair.

Feet Treat

Prevent dry scaly feet with this scrub. Stir together 1/2 cup brown sugar, 2 table-spoons lemon juice, 2 table-spoons aloe vera gel, and 1 teaspoon coconut oil.

Massage 2 tablespoons onto each foot, especially on rough areas. The aloe and coconut oil soften and soothe, the brown sugar exfoliates, and the lemon juice brightens

Scar Minimizer

Heal small cuts, nicks, and urns with aloe after washing them with soap and water. Aloe's allantoin stimulates new cell growth, which can help prevent later scarring, says Alan Logan, a naturopathic physician and the author of The Clear Skin Diet.

Keep your aloe plant in the kitchen to soothe minor burns fast.

Exercise, Vitamin D Seem to Cut Alzheimer's **Risk: Researchers**

Physical activity and adequate levels of vitamin D appear to reduce the risk of cognitive decline and dementia, according to two large, long-term studies scheduled to be presented Sunday at the International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease in Hawaii.

In one study, researchers analyzed data from more than 1,200 people in their 70s enrolled in the Framingham Study. The study, which has followed people in the town of Framingham, Mass., since 1948, tracked the participants for cardiovascular health and is now also tracking their cognitive health.

The physical activity levels of the 1,200 participants were assessed in 1986-1987. Over two decades of followup, 242 of the participants developed dementia, including 193 cases of Alzheimer's.

Those who did moderate to heavy amounts of exercise had about a 40 percent reduced risk of developing any type of dementia. People with the lowest levels of physical activity were 45 percent more likely to develop any type of dementia than those who did the most exercise. These trends were strongest in men.

"This study suggests that lowering the risk for dementia may be one additional benefit of maintaining at least moderate physical activity, even into the eighth decade of life," study author Dr. Zaldy Tan, of Brigham Women's Hospital, Boston and Harvard Medical School, said in Association Alzheimer's news release.

The second study found a link between vitamin D deficiency and increased risk of cognitive impairment and dementia later in life.

"Vitamin D supplements have proven to be a safe, inexpensive and effective way treat deficiency,' Llewellyn said. "However, few foods contain vitamin D and levels of supplementa-tion in the U.S. are currently inadequate. More research is urgently needed to establish whether vitamin D supplementation has therapeutic potential for dementia."



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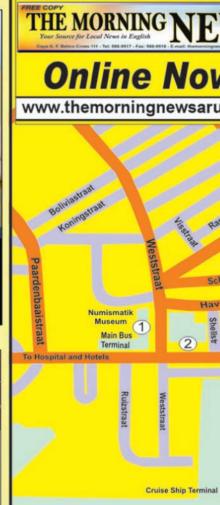


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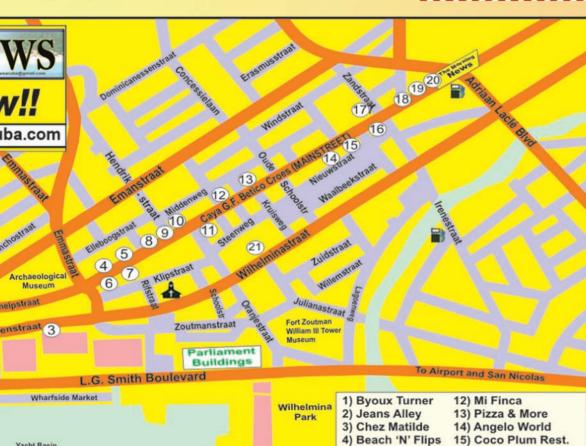


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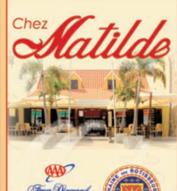
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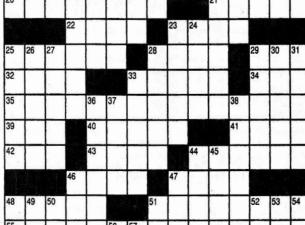
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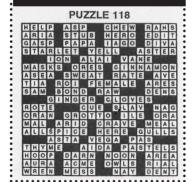
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Air France says it settles US civil price-fixing claims

PARIS, France (AFP) - Air France and Dutch partners KLM and Martinair said yesterday they had reached a settlement with plaintiffs on a US civil class action suit brought against them for conspiring to fix air cargo rates.

"Pending its approval by the US court, the accord, in exchange for payment of 87 million dollars (69 million euros), ends all civil action against the three companies ... concerning the US air cargo market between 2000 and 2006," they said in a statement. The three companies now operate as one group following their merger.

The civil class action suits were filed in 2006 after the US and European Union authorities launched a probe into price rigging of the US cargo market

Four major airlines, including Air France-KLM and Cathay Pacific Airways, had to pay US fines worth 504 million dollars when they were found guilty in 2008 of conspiring to fix air cargo prices, officials said.

Europe vows to help banks failing stress tests

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - European finance ministers sought yesterday to ease market jitters over the health of Europe's banking sector, vowing to help banks found by "stress tests" to be vulnerable to a new economic crisis.

Finance ministers also defended the methodology of the tests, the results of which are to be published on July 23, and denied that standards had been watered down to ensure good scores for the 91 banks being examined.

"We will take the necessary measures" if some banks show weaknesses, Belgian Finance Minister Didier Reynders, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency, said on the sidelines of the first of two days of meetings.

Cypriot Finance Minister Charilaos Stavrakis said he expected European banks to "come out stronger once the stress tests are announced."

"In the unlikely case that some banks need some capital injections, then we'll find the best way to strengthen their balance sheet," Stavrakis said ahead of a meeting of ministers from the 16 nations that share the euro.

Tests on 91 banks, accounting for 65 percent of the European banking system, are to be released on July 23 amid hopes they will reassure markets, which fear the banks may have hidden some of their problems under the carpet.

"When there will be a result, we are committed in Europe to take determined action if needed at the moment the stress tests are disclosed," said Dutch Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager.

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble denied that the criteria for the tests had been eased to ensure that banks pass them.

"First it was said that they were too tough, that they would lead all the banks towards bankruptcy. The next day it was said that they were too weak and that the exercises is useless," Schaeuble

told reporters. "In general, the truth lies somewhere in the middle," he said.

The German finance minister said the tests were "an important step to end the uncertainty which is persisting on the markets regarding the situation of banks in Europe."

Austrian Finance Minister Jose Proell also rejected criticism of the way the tests are conducted, insisting that there was "no political influence either on the definition of the parameters, nor on the results."

Fears over the health of banks caused the euro to fall against the dollar yesterday.

"The main question is in what detail the results for 91 banks are to be released," said a Commerzbank note to clients. "If the published results are too vague, speculation about problems at some banks will arise."

Some economists have warned that the tests would show that a few European banks need fresh capital.

Report: European banks mull 20-blneuro private bailout fund

LONDON, England (AFP) - Some big European banks are mulling the creation of a 20-billion-euro private sector recovery fund to bail out troubled financial institutions, the head of UniCredit bank told a newspaper yesterday.

Writing in the Financial Times, UniCredit chief executive Alessandro Profumo, said the 25.2-billion-dollar (31.7-billion-dollar) fund could provide help to European banks in the event of another crisis.

Distressed banks would be able to turn themselves around without state bailouts, Profumo explained.

"With voluntary contributions from the large European cross-border banks -- say, the top 20 -- a European recovery fund could accumulate a significant amount of risk capital (20 billion euros) over a few years," he said.

"The option for authorities to use the fund to stabilize one or a few large, ailing banks could assure the market that a crisis could be contained at an early stage. The fund would not require a contribution from member states or European authorities."

Profumo has already pushed the plan with other leading eurozone banks, including Deutsche Bank and Santander, and will promote the idea to others in coming weeks, the report said.

But Dow Jones Newswires quoted German bank

sources as saying Profumo had gotten a lukewarm response from the biggest German banks.

The sources said that the banks felt a private fund would place a strain on their earnings and be an "unnecessary burden in an already tense situation."

The idea that smaller banks that did not pay into such a fund might nonetheless be able to call on it for help was scoffed at by major German institutions, a source added.

German banks are already bracing for a string of possible new levies and regulations aimed at preventing another banking crisis, Dow Jones noted.

OECD unemployment rate falls to 8.6 percent

PARIS, France (AFP) – The unemployment rate in the world's 31 leading industrialized economies fell to 8.6 percent in May from 8.7 percent in April, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development said yesterday.

"The general pattern of broad stability continues across most OECD countries," the group, said, adding that unemployment levels generally remain "close to post-war highs."

For the United States, the May jobless rate was 9.7 percent but June figures available show a fall to 9.5 percent, the OECD said.

The countries with the highest unemployment rates in May were Spain, rising 0.2 points to 19.7 percent; the Slovak Republic, steady at 14.8 percent; Ireland, up 0.4 points to 13.3 percent; Portugal, up 0.1 point to 10.9 percent; and

Hungary, down 0.5 points to 10.4 percent.

South Korea, down 0.5 points to 3.2 percent and the Netherlands, steady at 4.3 percent, had the lowest jobless rates.

The total OECD unemployed stood at 45.9 million in May, up 1.4 million from May 2009 and 14.7 million more than in May 2008, the OECD said



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watch the long awaited win unfold on any of 24 oversized screens that dominate the décor.

Even the outdoor terrace was opened to accommodate the many fans, with a special section cordoned off for those dressed in red to demonstrate their support of the Iberian team. It was they who went home with smiles on their faces as Spain, who was participating in the finals for the first time in World Cup History, carved their place in sports annals as the first team to win the World Cup after losing their first game.

by Rosalie Klein

Frank and Toni (Antoinette) Tantillo celebrate their 50th anniversary at Hyatt Regency Aruba









Their relationship started when they were teenagers living in the same apartment building in New York. They started as friends, then began dating and fell in love. Wonderfully the paths of their entire lives changed and they got married.

They have not only shared a marriage, but, have raised three sons as well, all married to lovely daughter-in-laws, who gave them six grandchildren, Frank Jr. and wife Julie with daughters Katie and Anabelle, Chris and wife Melissa with sons CJ, Zachary and daughter Hannah, and Jeffrey and wife Jen with son Kayden. They all have accompanied them here to Aruba to celebrate the Golden Anniversary as a family.

The family had been here before and thought this was the best place to share such a joyous ocassion. The children arranged for Photographer Diane Keijzer to capture the essence of the emotions that afternoon during a photo session, and afterwards, when the family got to their specially set-up dinner table by Jackie at Hyatt's "Footprints" Restaurant on the beach, Diane gave her

camera to her husband Kees, also a renowned photographer, to take over and she then surprised Frank and Toni by inviting them to the beach shore with the whole family where she Officiated a very memorable Renewal of Vows ceremony.

They all stood barefoot in the water close to the water's edge during the blessing while the gentle waves provided soft music in the background of a most glorious sunset.

Congratulations for your 50 year milestone!

by Diane Keijzer

The World Cup finals 2010 was an exciting and emotional time for Arubans, who, as Dutch citizens, faced the first time since 1978 that Holland had a shot at being world champions. The Sunday finals had two of the best teams to never win the World Cup facing off against each other: Holland vs. Spain-Orange vs. Red.

Holland has twice made it to the finals in the past; in 1974 they lost to Germany and in 1978 to Argentina, so when neither of these teams made it to the finals, Dutch fans around the world were hopeful.

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Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a gold-mine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan bati" nicely presented to soup of the day accompanied by delicious deserts.

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Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs sunny side up with ham and cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese, smoked salmon or boiled eggs.

If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something from the local breakfast menu served on pan grandi (rama) or a baguette. You can try the delicious kerrie-kerrie (a typical Aruban flaked fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, fish fillet, fish cake and the chicken soup or you can have fruit salad and yoghurt.

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Tom Jones gets back to basics with gospel album

LONDON – A French expression best describes the latest news from a Welsh phenomenon -- Tom Jones has gone au naturel, and not just by finally letting his gray hair show.

Weeks after his 70th birthday, the legendary singer is adding another page to his resume with his gospel-flavored album "Praise & Blame." Interpreting songs by the likes of John Lee Hooker, the Staple Singers and Mahalia Jackson, he adopts a rootsy style that's clearly close to his heart as well as his R&B roots.

"We wanted it to be of a gospel nature, but an earthy gospel," Jones says. "So we

listened to a lot of gospel records, the Staples Singers and Elvis, of course, but I wanted to take it somewhere else. The idea was to do a live, honest type of thing, but songs that meant something. There's some on there I feel that will stop you in your tracks."

The new album, whose tracks include Bob Dylan's "What Good Am I?," the Hooker cover "Burning Hell" and "You Don't Knock," previously recorded by country star Don Gibson, is set for release July 27 in North America on Lost Highway, and a day earlier internationally on Island. The record launches Jones' new worldwide deal with Universal Music.

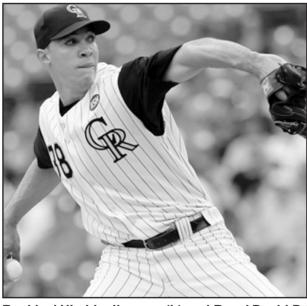
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Today Oliver is a big boy, as he is celebrating Birthday # 1. Ollie gets lots of hugs and sloppy kisses from all his friends in Dogville and also his human friends. He receives special BD wishes from owner Franklin and his BFF Tessa. Ollie is seen posing in his BD hat and blowing out his candle accompanied by owner Franklin.

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Price, Jimenez to start for MLB all-star game





Rockies' Ubaldo Jimenez (L) and Rays' David Price

ANAHEIM (AFP) - Tampa Bay's ace pitcher David Price Colorado Rockies Ubaldo Jimenez were selected as starting pitchers for Major League Baseball's allstar game today.

The 24-year-old Price, who was the top pick in the 2007 draft, will start for the Joe Torre's American League squad while Jimenez gets the nod for the Charlie Manuel's National League.

"It's just a huge honour for me to be out here," Jimenez said. "Hopefully we can put everything together and break the losing streak."

The National League will

try Tuesday night at Angel Stadium to snap a 13-year drought in the all-star game.

Jimenez has a 2.20 ERA in 18 starts and 127 innings for the Rockies, while Price is 12-4 with a 2.42 ERA.

The all-star festivities will also feature a home run hitting competition tonight.

Many Anaheim residents will have to be satisfied with watching the show on television as the cheapest ticket is 120 dollars. The best seats are going for 360 dollars which was what the scalpers were asking for a single-game ticket the last time the Angels were in the World Series (2002).

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter has the most all-star appearances among any of the players in Tuesday's game with 16. He is eight back of the all-time record of 24 held by Willie Mays and Hank Aaron.

Two-time MVP of the game Mays holds the record for most career hits with 23, while Stan Musial has the record for most home runs with six.

It is not only bragging rights on the line as the winner of the all-star game will give its league home field advantage in the World Series.

Both starting pitchers will be the first from their respective clubs to start an all-star Game.

Price had a standout US college career at Vanderbilt. He is the youngest to be leading either league in wins and ERA at the all-star break since 23-year-old Scott Erickson for Minnesota in

"It's a definitely an honor," Price said. "It hasn't set in yet. I'm very happy to be here."

Philadelphia slugger Ryan Howard will be the National League designated hitter and bat cleanup for his club coach Manuel.

"Not only is he my guy, he's got 119 at-bats against left-handed pitchers and 65 RBIs," Manuel said. "He can hit 'em. He's hitting .294. He's very capable of hitting fourth in an all-star lineup.'

There was some confusion

about Boston infielder Adrian Beltre.

It was announced Texas third baseman Michael Young would replace Beltre, who left Sunday's game at Toronto with a strained left hamstring. But less than an hour later, Beltre said he planned to play.

Florida Marlins shortstop Hanley Ramirez will lead off for the National League and will be followed by Atlanta second baseman Martin Prado. St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols will bat third, followed by Philadelphia's Ryan Howard, who was chosen by Manuel as the designated hitter.

The American League has won the last seven all-star games, including a 4-3 victory last year at Busch Stadium. The AL is 12-0-1 in the last 13 games. The National League last won in 1996 at Veterans Stadium in Philadel-



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Stage set for more Open history at St. Andrews

ST. ANDREWS, July 12, 2010 (AFP) - Golf greatest players gathered Monday for practice rounds at the sport's birthplace, testing the Old Course before Thursday's start of the 150th anniversary edition of the British Open.

and 2005.

Top-ranked Woods bids for an unprecedented third Open crown at St. Andrews and his 15th major title overall, three shy of Nicklaus' alltime record, in the wake of a sex scandal that has swept away his once-iconic good boy image.

"It's just an amazing, amazing test of positioning

your golf ball," Woods said of the Old Course. "In order

History will be made on the legendary links course where Jack Nicklaus won twice and bid farewell to golf, Bobby Jones and Seve Ballesteros collected crowns and Tiger Woods roared to victory in epic form in 2000

"It all started here," Scotsman Andrew Coltart said. "It obviously means a lot to anybody who has crossed the Swilcan Bridge to play here."

ning the British Open ever since I was a kid and came over in '91 and played at Royal Birkdale," Mickelson

said.

"It's a tournament I want to win regardless of what setting, but I've read Jack Nicklaus saying that there's nothing more gratifying than winning The Open Championship at St. Andrews."

Swirling winds off the North Sea could complicate things for players and combined with fabled bunkers -Hell, Coffins, Principal's Nose, Beardies - can turn championship dreams into frustrating failure.

Like King Edward's army invading Scotland in a bygone era, players will have to think again when it comes to the famed Road Hole, the 17th hole at St. Andrews regarded by many as the hardest par-four in golf.

Tour's final alpine stage promises fireworks

MORZINE-AVORIAZ, (AFP) - The legendary Col de la Madeleine promises to host an epic battle between the yellow jersey challengers on the Tour de France today as the race prepares to leave the Alps.

Yet even before the 25.5km ascension of the mountain pass, Australia's race leader Cadel Evans' tactical nous could be pushed to

Evans took possession of the yellow jersey after Sunday's eighth stage, the first real day of climbing on the race, when yellow jersey rival Andy Schleck attacked in the final kilometre to claim the stage homours.

Saxo Bank leader Schleck

is now only 20sec behind the Australian in second overall, with Spain's reigning champion Alberto Contador in third at 1min 01sec.

Schleck's attack, which both Contador and Evans failed to counter, showed that perhaps has the edge when it comes to climbing.

However the Luxemburger has indicated that he will avoid trying to take reponsibility for the race by taking the yellow jersey from Evans too early -- if it boosts his chances later in the race.

"Maybe I would have taken the yellow jersey, but my aim is to have it when the race finishes in Paris," he said.

"And to do that, we have to go step by step.'



Defeated Dutch arrive back home



(L-R) Mark van Bommel, Dutch football coach Bert van Marwijk, captain Giovanni van Bronckhorst, Gregory van der wiel, Wesley Sneijders, Rafael van der Vaart and Dirk Kuijt arrive at the Schipol airport, yesterday a day after Spain won the World Cup for the first time 1-0 against Holland.

AMSTERDAM (AFP) - The Dutch football team returned home Monday after their 1-0 World Cup defeat by Spain welcomed by two F-16 fighter jets and a ceremonial spray of water by the fire

brigade.
"We haven't yet processed the disappointment," coach Bert van Marwijk told reporters on the tarmac at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, surrounded by a clearly dejected team all dressed in dark slacks and white shirts and clasping orange flower bouquets.

"To give away the World Cup three-and-a-half minutes before the end of the match, that is very painful."

The team landed at 5.20 pm (1520 GMT) at Schiphol, where the players were kept away from the public, an AFP journalist observed.

Their KLM Boeing 777, flying a Dutch flag on its front, was accompanied into Dutch airspace by two F-16s, one painted in the orange colour of the team.

Fire engines spouted water jets over the landed plane in a welcoming gesture, and the disembarking players were handed flower bouquets by air hostesses.

Airport staff interrupted their work to capture images of the near-heroes on their mobile phones.

The players were led to an orange-carpeted podium next to the plane on the tarmac for an audience with about 100 journalists and photographers.

"I am proud of the guys in the team," said captain Giovanni van Bronckhorst. "We gave it our all."

After the press encounter, the players were taken by bus to an hotel in the seaside town of Noordwijk, where they were to be reunited with their loved ones, according to Hilde Bruggink, a spokeswoman for the Dutch football federation KNVB.

"They were initially due to leave by helicopter, but since the road conditions are good, we decided to use buses," she said.

A few dozen die-hard fans of the team nicknamed the Elftal Oranje (Orange Eleven) had gathered at the airport on Monday morning in the hopes of catching a glimpse of the players, despite an appeal from Schiphol officials not to do so.

They ended up seeing only the landing from far away through a window.

Today, van Marwijk's side hosted in The Hague by outgoing Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende and Queen Beatrix.

In the afternoon, they were honoured with a boat parade through the canals of Amsterdam and a special tribute attended by tens of thousands of people on a central square.

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Point guard Fisher to re-sign with Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Veteran National Basketball Association point guard Derek Fisher announced Monday that he plans to re-sign with the reigning champion Los Angeles Lakers.

The five-time NBA champion took a look at offers from other teams as a free agent, including holding talks with the

last season, averaging 7.5

Miami Heat. But he said on his website Monday that he decided not to leave the franchise where he has spent 11 of his 14 NBA seasons. Fisher started all 82 games



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points and 2.5 assists. He elevated his game in the playoffs and finals, averaging 10.3 points to help the Lakers win their second-straight title.

Los Angeles already lost free agent Jordan Farmar to New Jersey on Monday.

The Heat re-signed one of their own Monday, inking Udonis Haslem to a five-year deal worth around 20 million dollars.

Haslem has been with Dwyane Wade for each of their previous seven NBA seasons and now he has stars LeBron James and Chris Bosh as new teammates.

"It's good to be back," Haslem said.

Haslem has averaged 10.0 points and 8.1 rebounds in his seven Miami seasons.

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World Cup winners Spain return home to rapturous welcome



Spanish players parade unrough the for the first time 1-0 against Holland.

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's victorious World Cup squad returned to a heroes' welcome in Madrid on Monday with hundreds of thousands of fans cheering the team as they paraded through the capital's streets on an open top bus.

People chanted "Campe-

ones! Campeones! Campeones!" and waved red and gold Spanish flags at the players as the black bus crawled along a roughly eight-kilometre (five-mile) route through the city's main thoroughfares amid scorching temperatures.

Fans waved at the players from balconies while others climbed on trees to get a better view of the 23-man squad which won the World Cup on Sunday for the first time in Spain's history with a 1-0 extra-time defeat of the Netherlands.



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